

Quaker World Relations Committee maintains contact with other yearly meetings and with **Friends World Committee for Consultation** and its Europe & Middle East Section to which Britain Yearly Meeting is affiliated. Its work and constitution are described in [9.06](#).

### **Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)**

#### **9.03**

All Quaker groups in the world are invited to affiliate themselves to the Friends World Committee for Consultation. Most have done so. FWCC acts in a consultative capacity, serving as a channel of communication between Friends, helping us to explore and nurture our identity as Quakers, so that we can discuss and be faithful to our true place in the world as a people of God. It encourages joint conferences, intervisitation and the collection and circulation of information about Quaker literature, some of which it publishes itself. FWCC is recognised as a non-governmental organisation with consultative status at the United Nations and at some of its agencies. It is therefore able to accredit Quaker representatives to attend UN conferences on issues of Quaker concern, as well as to work on such issues full-time at the Quaker United Nations Offices in New York and Geneva.

### **Quaker World Relations Committee (QWRC)**

#### **9.06**

QWRC is a committee appointed by Meeting for Sufferings to maintain contact with other yearly meetings and with **FWCC**. It must ensure that the **FWCC** representatives of Britain Yearly Meeting are well prepared to communicate the concerns of this yearly meeting in the wider Quaker context, and to report fully on the meetings they attend. QWRC is responsible for drawing the attention of Britain Yearly Meeting to issues and concerns raised at world and section meetings of **FWCC** and for offering suggestions on possible ways to respond.

QWRC acts on behalf of Meeting for Sufferings to prepare letters of greeting to be sent to other yearly meetings. It encourages a lively exchange of interest between Britain Yearly Meeting and FWCC, and intervisitation between this yearly meeting and other yearly meetings.

QWRC is composed of up to fifteen Friends appointed by Meeting for Sufferings, names having been submitted by its nominations committee. In addition the Britain Yearly Meeting representatives to FWCC serve on QWRC ex officio. The membership is reviewed periodically.